

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Before the Examiner:
William Joseph Reid :
Serial No.: : Group Art Unit:
Filed: : Intellectual Property
Title: System, Apparatus and Method : Law Department
for Updating Security Configuration of : National Business
a Plurality of Servers From A : Machines Corporation
Centralized Directory Server : 11400 Burnet Road
: Austin, Texas 78758

July 19, 2000

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47b

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Martha A. Acosta declares as follows:

1. I am currently employed by International Business Machines Corporation ("IBM") in the Intellectual Property Law department.
2. I was assigned the duty by IBM of obtaining the signatures of William J. Reid ("Reid"), whose last known address is 7819 Pencross Lane, Dallas, Texas 75248 and is the inventor for a patent application entitled "System, Apparatus and Method for Updating Security Configuration of a Plurality of Servers from a Centralized Directory Server."
3. Reid is under an obligation to sign the Declaration and Power of Attorney by virtue of his employment as IBM Technical Personnel.
4. I left a message on Reid's phonemail on 4/4/2000 asking him to give me a call regarding the signing of the Declaration and a fax number.

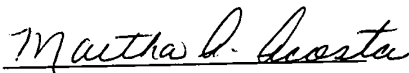
5. On 4/11/2000, Reid left me a phonemail message with the fax number to send him the Declaration and application for review and signing. On 4/11/2000 I fax'd him the Declaration, Assignment, Application and drawings.

6. After leaving several phonemail messages asking him to respond to the receipt of the Declaration, he called me on 4/25/2000 and said he had received it and wanted to know how much he would receive for signing and I said \$200.00, which is the customary amount paid to former IBM employees. Reid then said this was not enough value for him to waste his time on reviewing and signing it. He said this patent was of higher value and refused to sign for the \$200.00 amount which IBM was willing to pay.

7. I further declare that all statement made herein of my own knowledge and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful and false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application and any patent issuing there from. Further declarant sayeth not.

DATE: 7/19/2000

Respectfully submitted,



Martha A. Acosta